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***Ampedus sanguinolentus* (Schrank) (Coleoptera: Elateridae) on Wimbledon Common and Putney Heath.**—Mr Maxwell Barclay found this species at Wimbledon Common in October 1995. On 14.iv.1996 I found a specimen of the same species on Putney Heath, part of the same area of heathland, under the bark of a fallen birch, a little south of King's Mere.

Mr A. A. Allen and Mr B. A. Cooper have previously recorded this species on Wimbledon Common, in March 1946, and 1966 (Hodge, 1993), but I know of no other records for it since then in this locality. *Ampedus sanguinolentus* is graded a "notable A" species, and is restricted to heathland in southern England. It has an association with rotten birch but may develop in other species, for example pine and willow.

I wish to thank Mr Maxwell Barclay, who alerted me to the presence of this species on the Common—MARTIN HENDERSON, 18 Landseer Close, Merton Abbey, London SW19 2UT.

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